The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:34 pm on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in the Magnolia Room of the Morris University Center by President Jingyi Jia.

**Present:** Jingyi Jia, E. Duff Wrobbel, Barbara McCracken, Bob Bitter, Igor Crk, Keith Hecht, Adriana Martinez, Ann Popkess, Kamran Shavezipur, Michael Shaw, Jie Ying

**Public Comment:**
There was no public comment.

**Consideration of Minutes:**
The minutes for the November 10, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

**Unfinished Business:**
Absences of ex-officio members was discussed. We would like ex-officio members to be present, even if they vote. How can we improve attendance to help them stay engaged? We can ask ex-officio members to provide reports at each of the monthly meetings, which would require their attendance, or for them to send a written report in their absence.

The topic of improving communications between councils and committees was discussed again. Keith Hecht suggests other council chairs look at what the Curriculum Council does as an example of how to effectively improve communication.

**New Business:**
The December 1, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting was highlighted. The meeting reiterated the need for the councils to work on specific presentations to the administration. For example, work for the University Budget, Finance and Operations Council could present to administration that the university should work on rebuilding the engaging environment on campus (i.e., university restaurant, Cougar Lanes, and skywalk café should be reopened). Students should have spaces to share ideas and enjoy campus life.

**Reports:**
There were no reports.

**Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock, University Governance